GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1388
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EXPORT OF COIR PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the export of coir products made during each of the last three years;

(b) the details of decline or rise in the export during the abovesaid period;

(c) whether the Government have any plan to modernise the coir indusdry in the country to increase the production and export of coir products; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH)

(a) : The export of coir products made during the last three years is as follows :

Year	Quantity (tonnes)	Value (Rs. crores)
1996-97	46468	212.58
1997-98	49850	238.93
1998-99	55490	292.19

(b) : There has been continuous increase in export during the said period.

(c): Yes Sir. Details are given in the statement enclosed.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PART (c) & (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1388 FOR 3-3-2000 REGAR EXPORT OF COIR PRODUCTS

1. `Coirret` - a bacterial consortia to reduce the period of retting crushed coconut husk from 10 to 1 month and retting of fibre extracted from green husk within 72 hours has been developed.

2. Pithplus for composting coir pith - a problematic waste material into organic manure, has been developed.

3. A scheme has been introduced to extend financial assistance for construction of concrete tank for retting fibre extracted from gren husk and treatment of ret liquor.

4. Motorised traditional ratt for spinning coir yarn with higher productivity and improved quality has been popularized.

5. Motorised ratt which reduces drudgery in spinning and produces improved quality of coir yarn with increased productivity, has been developed and popularized.

6. Automatic spinning machine to eliminate the drudgery in spinning and production of good quality yarn with higher productivity, has been developed and popularised.

7. Semi automatic loom for weaving coir matting with higher productivity and improved quality, has been developed and popularised.

8. Fully automatic loom for weaving coir matting to eliminate drudgery in weaving matting on handloom and producing good quality coir matting with higher productivity, has been developed.

9. A scheme has been formulated to extended financial assistance to set up coir units with modern machinery for extraction of fibre, manufacture of coir yarn and products in brown fibre sector.

10. A product titled `Technology Transfer, Modernization and Capacity building in the Indian coir sector` under a UNDP funded scheme has been formulated.